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Looking-Glaſs

FOR THE

Epiſcopal People

Shewing them how they walk Contrary to the

COMMON-PRAYER

They *Profeſs* and *Teach*.

(F. L.)

Wiitten in True Love, that all might come to know the Truth, as it is in Jeſus, by a Lover and Friend of Truth, though by the World Reproachfully called a Quaker,

Francis Lea.

That was the true Light, which Lighteth every Man that cometh into the World, John 1.9.

There is a Spirit in Man; and the Inſpiration of the Almighty giveth them Underſtanding, Job 32.8.

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SInce the *Lord God* of *Everlaſting Love* hath cauſed his *Everlaſting Truth* to be Revealed in and amongſt a *Poor Deſpiſed People*; who by the Seed of *Iſhmael* and Stock of *Eſau* are Reproachfully called *Quakers*, many have been the *Reproaches*, *Mockings*, *Scourgings*, *Whippings*, *Stockings*, *Stonings*, *Impriſonments unto Death*, and *Cruel Perſecutions*, which many of the aforeſaid People call'd *Quakers* have *ſuffered* and *patiently born*, both from *Profeſſors* and *Prophane*, who like *Pilate* and *Herod* have often *combined together*, to *oppoſe the holy Truth of God*, and *deſpightfully uſe the Followers thereof by all Wayes and Means imaginable*: But *He* that *ſits in the Heavens* ſhall *Laugh*; the *Lord* ſhall *have them* in *Deriſion*; and then ſhall *He ſpeak* unto *them* in his *Wrath* (which is coming more and more upon the Ungodly) and *vex them* in his *ſore Diſpleaſure*. For the *Mountain* of his *Holineſs* will he Exalt upon the *Top of all Mountains*; And hither muſt *all* the *Nations come* that will be Saved, to *walk* in the LIGHT of the Lord; which is become as a *Stumbling-Stone* and a *Rock of Offence* to the *Carnal Profeſſors* of this *Generation*; and as *Fooliſhneſs* to the *Learned Rabbies* and *Doctors* of the *Times*: But to *Us* that have *Believed* and *walk in* this *Holy* LIGHT of the Lord, it is become the *Chief Corner-Stone*, *Elect and Precious*, which in the Lord's due time will *Daſh to pieces all Images*, though never ſo *ſeemingly Glorious*, and *all Image-Makers*, and *all* that do or ſhall *oppoſe* the ſame. And though many have called it *Natural*

and *Insufficient*, &c. Yet We that have believed in it, and have known the *Efficacy* of it, must Testifie unto all, that it is the LIGHT of *Christ*, the *Word* by whom *all things were made*; and *therefore* not *Natural*, but *Divine* and *Spiritual*; Nor *Insufficent*, because the LIGHT of *Christ*, *who is able to save unto the uttermost all* that *come* unto *God by him*; *in whom was Life, and the Life was the Light of Men*, John 1. 4. Which LIGHT the *Book* of *Common-Prayer* doth *amply* and *largely confess* and *testifie* unto, as follows.

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Com. Pr. Collect the 3d day after *Easter*.

Almighty God, which shewest to all Men that be in Error the LIGHT *of thy Truth, to the Intent that they may Return into the Way of Righteousness, &c.*

HEre is a very Ample Confession and Testimony to the true LIGHT, and the *Universality* of It. *First*, Because that God doth shew it to All Men that be in Error (to wit) the LIGHT of Truth, which is the LIGHT of Christ, who said, *I am the Way, the Truth and the Life*, John 14. 6. whose *Life was the Light of Men*, John 1. 4. and who said, *I am the* LIGHT *of the World; he that followeth me shall not walk in Darkness, but shall have the* Light *of* Life, *John* 8. 12. who also said, *I am come a* Light *into the World, that whosoever believeth on me should not Abide in Darkness*, John 12. 46. *Secondly*, The *Sufficiency* of this *Light* is hereby vindicated from all the Calumnies and Reproaches of those that do or shall *oppose* the same: Because the *Intent of God's shewing it to all Men that be in Error*, is, that they may *Return* into the *Way of Righteousness*; which they cannot do if the *Light* which God shews them be not *sufficient* to *lead out of all Error*; For how can a Man be said to Return into the Way of Righteousness, unless he first know a Leading out of, and a turning from the Way of Error and Unrighteousness. But *God shews*

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to all men that be in Error the *Light* of his Truth, to the intent that they may return into the *Way of Righteousness*. Therefore let none *slight* the *Lord's Love*, who shews his *Light* unto them, but *joyn to* and *obey* the same, that they may know a *Returning* into the *Way of Righteousness*, which is the *Way of the Lord*, whose Ways are Wayes of Pleasantness and Righteousness, and all whose *Paths* are *Peace* and *Holiness*. And blessed be the Name of the Lord many are come to be lead by this *Light* (out of all the Wayes of Error, Darkness and Unrighteousness) into the same; and because they are Witnesses of and to this *Light*, and do in tender Love exhort People to be Followers of the same, have they been both by *Professors* and *Prophane persecuted*, and *evilly entreated*, as aforesaid.

Com. Pr. Collect the 5th Suday after *Easter*.

Lord, from whom all good things do come, grant us thy Humble Servants, that by thy Holy INSPIRATION *we may think those things that be good, &c.*

THE Cry hath been and is by the *blind Leaders* of this Generation, that *Inspiration ceaseth now, and is not to be witnessed*; and because a Remnant which God hath gathered by his Powerful Arm do testifie unto all, that *Inspiration doth not Cease*, but *abides with* and *continues among God's People*, are they accounted *Deluders*, a *Dangerous People*, *Pestilent Fellows*, *Movers of Sedition*, *&c.* by those who know not the Truth, as it is in Jesus; but hereby is it plainly manifest, that *Inspiration doth not cease*, because by *it* people may come to *think those things* that be *good*, as by the Prayer above mentioned is desired and prayed for; which doth imply, that without the *Inspiration of the Almighty* people cannot come to *think those things that be good*; for if they could, why should the people pray unto God to grant them by his *holy Inspiration* that they may, if they can *think good Things* without it? Wherefore those that deny *Inspiration*, and *account* those *Deluders* that preach up and exhort People to press after the same, do plainly manifest, that

that *they do not think thoſe things that be good*; and if *People* do not *come to think good things* (as by the *Inſpiration* of the *Almighty* they may be enabled to do) they will *never come to do them*: But thoſe that are Witneſſes of God's *Holy Inſpiration*, as the *People* called *Quakers* are, are thereby enabled not only to *think*, but to *do good things* alſo; for it is the Inſpiration of the Almighty that giveth Underſtanding, which made good *Elihu* to ſay, (*Job* 32. 8. who well knew from whence a good Underſtanding came) *There is a Spirit in Man, and the Inſpiration of the Almighty giveth them Underſtanding*: Which All ought to ſeek after, that thereby they may come to have a *good Underſtanding* (which thoſe that deny *Inſpiration* want) and then they will come not only to *think*, but alſo to *do thoſe things that be good*, as they *come* to *witneſs* the *Holy Inſpiration of the Almighty*.

Com. Pr. at the Communion.

Almighty God, unto whom all Hearts be open, all Deſires known, and from whom no Secrets are hid, cleanſe the Thoughts of our Hearts by the Inſpiration of thy Holy Spirit, &c.

COme all you that ſay, *Inſpiration is Ceaſed*; here is another *Confeſſion* and *Teſtimony* to the *Inſpiration of God's Holy Spirit*, which will *ſtand* over the *Heads* of you *all*; for, by *it* comes the *Thoughts* of the *Heart* to be *cleanſed*, as many pray for, as aforeſaid, *Cleanſe the Thoughts of our Hearts by the Inſpiration of thy Holy Spirit, &c.* then not to Ceaſe; if the *Thoughts of the Heart* are to be *cleanſed by it*; for if it ſhould, then how would the *Thoughts* of *Peoples Hearts* come to be *cleanſed*, if the *Inſpiration of God's Holy Spirit*, which people pray for as a Means to *cleanſe the ſame* ſhould Ceaſe? And if the *Thoughts of the Heart* are to be *cleanſed* by the *Inſpiration of God's Holy Spirit*, then thoſe that preach up & exhort people to preſs after the ſame, as the people called *Quakers* have *done* and *do* unto this Day, are not *Deluders* nor *Hereticks*, *&c.* but truly *Orthodox*.

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Com. Pr. Letany.

That it may pleaſe thee to Bleſs and Keep the Magiſtrates, giving them Grace to Execute Juſtice and to Maintain Truth.

THE *Grace of God* that bringeth *Salvation* hath appeared unto all Men, &c. *Tit.*2. 11,12. and therefore as well unto the *Magiſtrates* as unto *others*: and if the *Magiſtrates* would be taught by that Grace, it would teach them to deny Ungodlineſs and Worldly Luſts in themſelves, and to live Soberly, Righteouſly and Godly in this preſent World: and then the *Lord* would *bleſs* and *keep* them, if they would be taught by his *Grace ſo to do*; which would alſo enable them to *execute Juſtice* and *maintain Truth*: For Magiſtrates can't *truly rule* for *God*, & *execute Juſtice* & *maintain Truth*, until they come to be *taught* by his *Grace*, and *witneſs* the *Lord* to *Rule* in *them*. Wherefore if the *Magiſtrates* would *maintain Truth* they ſhould firſt ſeek to be *Witneſſes of it in themſelves*, and then they will ſeek after the *Preſervation*, not the *Deſtruction* of *thoſe* that *live*, *walk in* and *preach up the Truth*, as the *People* call'd *Quakers* have *done* and *do* to this day, who Seek and Labour in true and tender *Love* to turn *all people* to the *Light* which *God ſhews* unto *all men* that be in Error, and to the *Inſpiration of God's holy Spirit*, and to his *Grace* that *brings Salvation*, which hath *appeared unto all men*, *&c.* and yet they have *ſuffered* for *teſtifying unto the ſame* to this day. Now if the *Magiſtrates* would *execute Juſtice*, they ſhould *puniſh* the *Evil-Doers*, *who hate the Light*, *neither come to it*, *leſt their Deeds ſhould be Reproved*, John 3.20. for if they do not, but *puniſh* thoſe that *do Truth*, *and come to the Light*, *& bring their deeds to it*, *that they may be made manifeſt that they are wrought in God*, Joh. 3.21. (as the *people* call'd *Quakers* do) then they bear the *Sword* in *vain*, which the *Magiſtrates ought not to do*; for they ſhould be a *Terror* to thoſe that do *evil*, and a *Praiſe* and *Encouragement* to thoſe that do *well*: And thoſe *Magiſtrates* who do not *execute Juſtice* and *maintain Truth after this manner*, will inſtead of pretending to *do it* be found *Fighters againſt God*, his *Truth* and *People*.

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Com. Pr. Letany.

That it may pleaſe thee to Give to all thy People Increaſe of Grace, to hear Meekly thy Word, and to receive it with pure Affection, and to bring forth the Fruits of the Spirit.

IT would greatly Rejoyce us to have *all people* come to hear the *Word of God meekly*, and to Receive it with *Pure Affection*, and to bring forth the Fruits of the Spirit; for bleſſed be the Name of the Lord, he hath given and doth give to his People Increaſe of Grace, who have been and are faithful unto its Appearance, and they are come meekly to hear his Word, and have received it with pure *Affection*, and daily bring forth the Fruits of the Spirit, which are *Love, Joy, Peace, Long-Suffering, Gentleneſs, Goodneſs. Faith, Meekneſs; againſt ſuch there is no Law*, Gal. 5. 22, 23. Wherefore the *Magiſtrates* ſhould not make Laws againſt nor perſecute thoſe that bring forth the Fruits of the Spirit, and deny all the Unfruitful Works and Luſts of the Fleſh; and are come by the Inſpiration of Gods holy Spirit to *think* and *do* thoſe things that are *good*, and to have the Thoughts of their Hearts cleanſed thereby; but to Favour, Cheriſh and Protect them, becauſe againſt ſuch there ſhould be no Law: But if they ſhould not, but ſtill go on to perſecute the Innocent, then will they plainly manifeſt unto all, that they *do not hear meekly the Word of God*, nor have *received it with pure Affection*, nor *bring forth the Fruits of the Spirit*; for *Perſecution, Cruelty* and *Oppreſſion* are not the *Fruits* of the *ſame*.

Com. Pr. Letany.

That it may pleaſe thee to bring into the Way of Truth all ſuch as have erred and are deceived.

THis is that which the *People* called *Quakers* have long deſired and prayed for, and earneſtly ſeek after, That all thoſe who have

have Erred and ſtrayed from the Wayes of *God* like Loſt Sheep, and have followed too much the *Devices* and *Deſires* of their *own hearts*, and have *left undone* thoſe *things* which they *ought* to have *done*, and have *done* thoſe things which they *ought* not to have *done*, and are crying, that there is *no Health* in them, being *miſerable Offenders*, that they might be turned to the *Light*, which *God ſhews to all men* that be in *Error*, to the Intent that they may Return into the *Way of Righteouſneſs*, and truly witneſs a being lead into the ſame thereby: And for bearing our Teſtimony to this Bleſſed *Light*, and ſeeking in Love to turn all people unto the ſame (that they might not be any longer deceived with Error) have we ſuffered ſo much *Perſecution* unto this day: Yet it is our earneſt Deſire, that none may any longer kick againſt the Pricks of it in their Hearts and Conſciences, which teſtifies againſt all Iniquity there, leſt the Day of their Tender Viſitation paſs over their Heads, and the things which concern their Peace be hid from their Eyes.

Com. Pr. Letany.

That it may pleaſe thee to Defend and Provide for the Fatherleſs Children and Widdows, and all that be Deſolate and Oppreſſed.

IF ſome had well minded this *Prayer* there had not been ſo many Fatherleſs Children and Widdows as were made by the *Act* for *Baniſhment*, &c. when Parents were baniſhed from Children, & Children from Parents, and Husbands from Wives, only for *meeting* together to worſhip God in Spirit and Truth, and for bearing their Teſtimony to the Light and Inſpiration of God's Holy Spirit, and for bringing forth the Fruits of the ſame, againſt whom there ſhould have been no Law. Neither would there have been ſo many made Deſolate and Oppreſſed, as were by the late *Act*, entituled, *An Act againſt Conventicles*, &c. by means whereof many *Innocent People* were Robbed and Spoiled of their Goods by Unreaſonable and Ungodly Men: Wherefore it would do well for all that are in Authority, ſeriouſly to lay theſe things to Heart, and for the time to come

to provide for the Fatherleſs and Widdows, and all thoſe that have been made Deſolate & Oppreſſed by the hands of *Robbers* and *Spoilers*: For the *Cry of theſe things are entered into the Ears of the Lord of Hoſts, who will certainly plead the Cauſe of the Fatherleſs & Widdow, and Relieve the Deſolate and Oppreſſed*; that ſo thoſe who have eſtabliſhed any *Laws* againſt the *Righteous* and *Innocent*, may for the time to come Diſannul and Repeal the ſame, and break off their Iniquities by Shewing Mercy, Doing Juſtly and Relieving the Oppreſſed; and then peradventure the Lord may lengthen out the Tranquility of their Dayes.

Com. Pr. Letany.

That it may pleaſe thee to forgive our Enemies, Perſecutors and Slanderers, and to turn their Hearts.

THis hath been and is our hearty deſire, that God would Forgive our Enemies, Perſecutors and Slanderers, and turn their hearts: Yet how have we been Perſecuted and Slandered unto this day? But we have ſo Learned Chriſt, as to Love Enemies, and to do Good to them that Hate us and Deſpightfully Uſe us: But many, who often repeat the afore-ſaid Prayer, ſaying, *We beſeech thee to hear us good Lord*, are yet ſo far from Forgiving their Enemies, that they Perſecute their Friends, Neighbours and Country-men, and Slander them, in calling them, *Heretick*s, and *Seditious Perſons*, &c. and make *Laws* againſt them who preach up the *Light* and *Inſpiration of God's Holy Spirit*, as the People called *Quakers* have done and do at this day: Is not this a Mocking of God, for people to pray him to Forgive their Enemies, Perſecutors and Slanderers, &c. and yet they to perſecute God's People, and ſlander them, as many have done: But God will not thus be mocked; for ſuch as Men *Sow*, ſuch ſhall they *Reap*; if they *Sow Violence*, *Cruelty* and *Oppreſſion*, they will certainly *Reap Tribulation* and *Anguiſh*, *Indignation* and *Wrath* forever.

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Com. Pr. Collect on St. *Stephen's* Day.

Grant us, O Lord, to learn to Love our Enemies by the Example of thy Martyr *St.* Stephen, *who prayed for his Perſecutors, &c.*

THis is a *good Prayer*; and would it were practiced by all, as much as it hath been often prayed by many, that the called *Chriſtians* of this and other Nations might come to learn and practiſe the ſame: But the Profeſſors in *New-England* were far from either Learning or Practiſing this Prayer; for inſtead of following the holy Example of the Martyr *Stephen*, they fled the ſame, and Ran into the Steps of thoſe who *ſhed his Blood*; and inſtead of Learning to *Love* their *Enemies*, and *Praying* for their *Perſecutors*, as all true *Chriſtians* ought to do, they *Martyred their own Country-men* for telling them the Truth, and ſeeking in True and Tender Love to turn them to the *Light*, which God ſhews unto all Men that be in Error, to the Intent that they may Return into the *Way of Righteouſneſs*. Wherefore come all you *Papiſts* and *Proteſtants*, and truly learn and practiſe this *Prayer*, that ſo *Violence*, *Perſecution*, *Cruelty* and *Oppreſſion* may have an End, *Quod faxit Deus.*

Com. Pr. Collect on *St. John Baptiſt's* Day.

Almighty God, by whoſe Providence thy Servant John Baptiſt *was wonderfully born, and ſent to prepare the Way of thy Son our Saviour, by preaching of Repentance; make us ſo to follow his Doctrine and holy Life, that we may truly Repent, according to his Preaching, and after his Example conſtantly ſpeak the Truth, boldly rebuke Vice, and patiently ſuffer for the Truth's ſake, &c.*

IF this *Prayer* was better minded and practiſed by thoſe who often repeat the ſame, then the Truth would be better maintained, Vice

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more boldly rebuked, and true Virtue cherished, and those that have patiently Suffered for testifying to the Truth (as aforesaid) would be more encouraged then they have been or are: But instead thereof the Truth and the Followers of it have been and are *Discountenanced*, Vice *Cherish'd*, and those that have reprov'd Iniquity in the Gate have been made a *Prey*; Yet according to the holy *Example* of *John* the *Baptist* shall we constantly continue to *Speak* the *Truth*, *Boldly* to *Rebuke Vice*, and *Patiently to suffer for the Truth's sake*; And also according to the holy Example of the Martyr *Stephen*, who *prayed for his Persecutors*, shall we heartily Desire and Pray the Lord, *That he would be pleased to Forgive all our* Enemies, Persecutors *and* Slanderers, *and Turn their Hearts*.

Wherefore let all People truly Mind, Love and Obey the Light, which God shews to all men that be in Error, that so they might come to witness thereby a Returning into the Way of Truth and Righteousness, and then they will come to be true *Christians* indeed, and to answer the End of God's Love, and the Intent of his shewing his Light unto them; which that all people may do, is the hearty Desire of him

Who Wisheth and Seeketh the Good and Welfare of all,

Southwark, the latter end of the 8th Moneth, 1673.

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THE END.